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SUBJ: CODEL EILBERG

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1. AFTER CONSULTING OVER PERIOD OF SEVERAL DAYS WITH TOM MCELHINEY AND OTHER SENIOR UNRWA OFFICIALS, WE HAVE ARRIVED AT CONCLUSION THAT IT WILL NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR CONGRESSMAN EILBERG TO VISIT ANY REFUGEE CAMP IN LEBANON, INCLUDING DEBAYEH. THIS CONCLUSION STEMS FROM FACT THAT SECURITY CONDITIONS WITHIN CAMPS HAVE DETERIORATED CONSIDERABLY IN RECENT MONTHS, MOST MARKEDLY FOLLOWING RECENT ISRAELI AIR RAID ON BEIRUT. MCELHINEY CONSIDERS, AND WE CONCUR, THAT REP. EILBERG'S SAFETY COULD NOT RPT NOT BE ASSURED UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT FOR HIM TO ATTEMPT ENTER ANY LOCAL CAMP IN NEAR FUTURE WOULD BE MOST UNWISE.

2. UNRWA OFFICIALS ARE PREPARED, HOWEVER, -- ASSUMING CURRENT STATE OF LEBANESE-ISRAELI RELATIONS DOES NOT DETERIORATE FURTHER IN WEEKS AHEAD -- TO ARRANGE FOR REP. EILBERG TO MAKE BRIEF TOUR OF AGENCY'S VOCATIONAL
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TRAINING CENTER AT SIBLINE. THEY COULD ALSO ARRANGE

FOR HIM TO OBTAIN BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF BEIRUT'S TAL
ZAATAR REFUGEE CAMP FROM RELATIVELY SAFE VANTAGE POINT
OVERLOOKING CITY SUBURBS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S CONVEYING
ABOVE INFO TO REP. EILBERG AND PROVIDING US MORE
SPECIFIC DETAILS RE TIMING OF HIS VISIT TO BEIRUT. GODLEY

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